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Letter dated 14 July 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement concerning the latest developments in the Bakassi peninsula, issued on 13 July 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement concerning the latest developments in the Bakassi peninsula issued on 13 July 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union is concerned at reports of security incidents in Bakassi. The European Union deeply regrets all incidents and any resulting casualties. The European Union urges Nigeria and Cameroon to work constructively together to establish the facts of the incidents and to defuse any resultant tension. The European Union also encourages both sides to meet under the auspices of the United Nations Mixed Commission as soon as practical.

The European Union reiterates its support for the International Court of Justice ruling in 2002, and the work of the United Nations Mixed Commission. We applaud the progress made so far on the demarcation and settlement of other parts of the Nigeria-Cameroon border, and call on both sides to finalize demarcation.

The European Union stresses the importance of both Nigeria and Cameroon continuing to engage constructively with the United Nations Secretary-General and his Special Representative for West Africa to implement their commitment to bring the ongoing negotiations on their border in the area of the Bakassi peninsula to a swift, successful and mutually agreeable conclusion.

The acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia* and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, align themselves with this statement.

* Croatia continues to be part of the stabilization and association process.